(d) 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh were covered under the Act in the first phase, 6 districts were added in the second phase and remaining 3 districts have been covered in the third and final phase of NREGA.

Intellectual property in force with CSIR

1071. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than 3000 intellectual property in force with CSIR;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CSIR has decided to streamline its patent holding frame-work and enforce a regulatory frame-work that ensures the financial and intellectual rights of claim holders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by CSIR to transfer these patents to a discrete company that will interface closely with the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir. There are more than 3000 'in force' patents with CSIR.

(b) Field wise details of CSIR's patented inventions are as follows:-

CSIR's In-force patents

Field	%
Biological Sciences	23.54
Chemical Sciences	49.78
Drug and Pharma	12.34
Engineering Sciences	6.80
Others	7.54
TOTAL:	100.00

(c) and (d) CSIR is the holder of legal rights in all the inventions generated from CSIR laboratories and institutes. CSIR constantly reviews and manages its IP portfolio. CSIR commercializes its patents through the Business Development Units of the CSIR laboratories and institutes and National Research Development Corporation, a public sector undertaking.

Problems faced by weavers in Andhra Pradesh

1072. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom weavers and powerloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh are facing a lot of problems in the absence of potential users in the domestic market as well as outside the country and they are not getting adequate price to their products;